

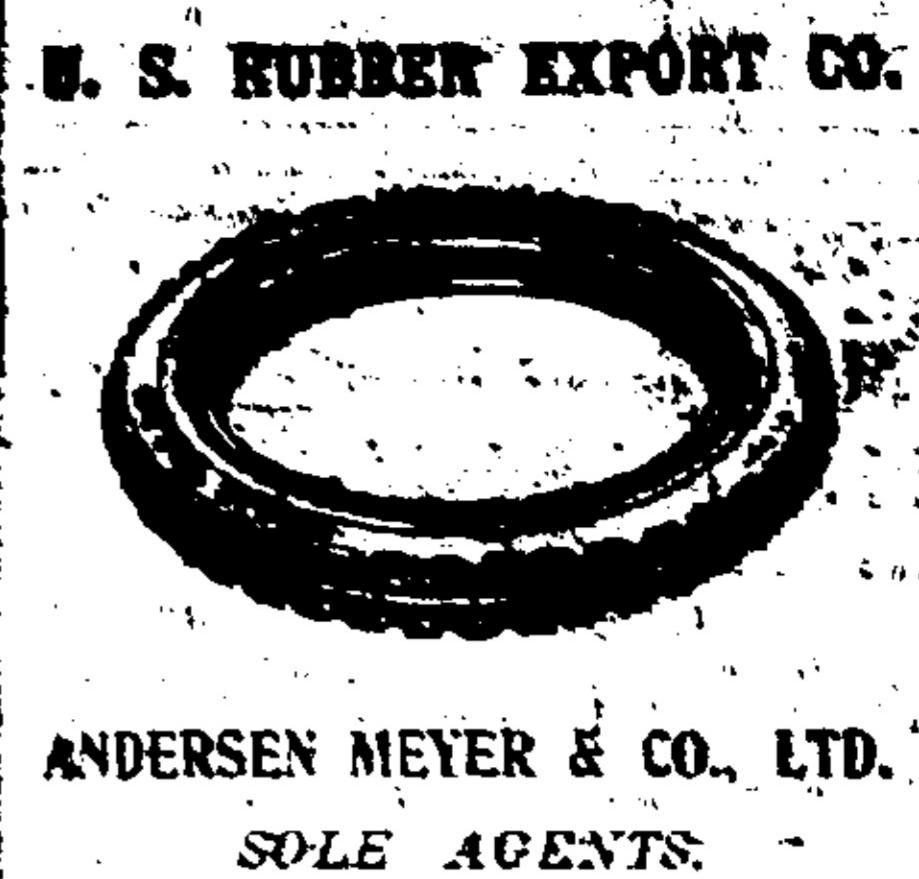
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

HOW GERMANY LOST THE WAR.

LUDENDORFF'S ACCOUNT.

Berlin, April 4.

Printed extracts of General Ludendorff's account of the war admit that the defeat sustained on August 8, 1918, finally destroyed the hope of military victory. I clearly informed the Crown Council on August 16th that the war could not be won.

General Ludendorff admits that he favoured immediate steps to peace in September. The Supreme Army Command wanted mediation by Holland. Furthermore, he informed the Chancellor that he regarded the Bolshevik danger very seriously.

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DEVELOPMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE.

MISSION TO THE FAR EAST.

London, April 5.

Sir Arthur Steel Maitland (head of the Commercial Intelligence Department), addressing the trade journalists yesterday, said that the Board of Trade was trying to establish a peace basis for industry, which was nearly as difficult and critical as war itself. The position was very serious because not merely were exports greatly reduced, but credit must be given to devastated countries in order to sell our goods to them. To get the maximum productivity, there should be an amalgamation of businesses.

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Martial law has been proclaimed and all the ringleaders will be court-martialed and severely punished.

AUSTRIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

EXCOMMUNICATED FOR EVER.

Copenhagen, April 5.

A message from Vienna says the German-Austrian National Assembly unanimously passed the Bill relating to the banishment of the Royal Family, as mentioned on March 27th.

A Bill has been passed abolishing capital punishment, except Martial Law sentences.

BELGIAN ANXIETIES REGARDING PEACE.

KING ALBERT SATISFIED.

Paris, April 5.

A Belgian communiqué states that King Albert has concluded his visit to Paris and left for Brussels by aeroplane. During his stay he communicated with the eminent members of the Allied and Associated Governments regarding Belgium's essential interests.

Anxiety had reigned in Belgium regarding the Peace Conference's attitude respecting Belgian interests. King Albert was afforded precise information on the principal points, and departed satisfied with his impressions.

FIGHTING IN STUTTGART.

SPARTICISTS V. GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

Copenhagen, April 5.

A message from Stuttgart says it is officially announced that a fight occurred on the evening of the 3rd instant with 400 Spartacists, who dug trenches on the hills between Gaisburg and Wangen and took positions. Ten machine-guns and artillery bombarded machine-gun bases.

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London, April 4.

Sir Auckland Geddes has resigned from the Ministry of Reconstruction and accepted the Principalship of McGill University, Canada.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

NOT IN ACCORD WITH GERMAN CONCEPTION.

A PROTEST BY ERZBERGER.

Copenhagen, April 5.

A message from Berlin says that before Herr Erzberger signed the Spa agreement he declared that the Entente's interpretation of Article XVI in the Armistice of November 11, 1918, which the Allies contended enabled Polish troops to march via Danzig, was not in accord with the German Government's conception.

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GERMAN EAST AFRICA GOVERNOR AS DELEGATE.

Berlin, April 4.

The German Colonial Administration will be represented at the peace negotiations by Herr Schee, former Governor of German East Africa.

PRESIDENT WILSON HOPEFUL.

Paris, April 6.

President Wilson is progressing favourably. He will probably resume his seat on the Peace Conference on Tuesday.

He received the American delegates in his sick room to-day and outlined the programme for the coming week, which President Wilson is convinced will see a long step taken towards the realisation of peace.

PEACE TREATY READY.

Paris, April 4.

A responsible British authority states that the Peace Treaty is expected to be ready on the 9th instant.

DISORDERS IN HUNGARY.

Paris, April 4.

PROMINENT CITIZENS ARRESTED.

Copenhagen, April 11.

A message from Budapest, dated the 4th instant, says the War Commissary, Pogany, has resigned.

The Red Guards intervened in a quarrel with the bourgeoisie and Communists in Casino and Oedenburg. They fired, killing 4 and wounding 8 severely and many lightly.

Zsambor, ex-Governor of West Hungary, and some prominent citizens at Oedenburg have been arrested.

A message from Vienna says numerous German-Austria Communists have entered Hungary. Big demonstrations will be organised on the 6th in the town of Lind in connection with the movement to proclaim a Soviet Republic in German-Austria.

SOVIET REPUBLIC FOR BAVARIA.

Paris, April 6.

A telegram from Copenhagen says a Soviet Republic was proclaimed in Bavaria on the 5th. Herr Erzberger at Spa received confirmation of this fact.

The Copenhagen report adds that the Spartacists occupied the Parliament buildings. Simultaneously a number of mass meetings were held at Munich, at which the new Republic was proclaimed. The Independent Socialists joined the Spartacists.

The Premier, Hoffman, who was at Berlin hurried back, but was too late, as the troops, while taking up a neutral attitude, refused to support him, declaring their sympathies on the side of the proletariat. The peasants in different parts of the country joined in a great gathering, and decided to march on Munich.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Rio de Janeiro, April 5.

A volcanic eruption of the mountains near Palmeira Los Indios in the State of Alagoas on March 30th opened a crater over two kilometres long. The inhabitants fled. A number of them were killed. Volcanic activity has hitherto been unknown in this region.

BOLSHEVIK TIDE IN NORTH RUSSIA.

Omsk, April 5.

Admiral Koltchak, in a stirring proclamation, says the final objective in the present offensive will be Moscow.

It is officially stated from Omsk that the Bolsheviks have completely devastated Ossia prior to the entry of Admiral Koltchak's forces. Two thousand inhabitants were shot. The Bolsheviks carried off nearly all the surviving workmen.

BRITISH TROOPS IN RUSSIA.

London, April 5.

Mr. Winston Churchill has cabled to the British troops in Russia, promising the earliest possible relief and repatriation, when reinforcements arrive.

It is understood that troops to relieve Archangel will be sent by two specially constructed transports. It is hoped that they will arrive in the middle of May.

SEAT OF BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT.

Paris, April 4.

A message from Berlin says it is reported that the Bavarian Government is resolved to leave Munich provisionally and make Hamburg the seat of the Government and the National Assembly, protected by reliable troops.

OBITUARY.

SIR WILLIAM CROOKES.

London, April 5.

The death is announced of Sir William Crookes. [Professor Sir William Crookes was LL.D. of Birmingham, D.Sc. (Oxon, Cambridge, Ireland, Cape of Good Hope, etc.). He was the discoverer of the Selenocyanides, Thallium, Radiometer. He was Foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Royal Medallist, Davy Medallist, Copley Medallist, and three times Bakerian lecturer of the Royal Society and proprietor and editor of "Chemical News".]

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HEALTH.

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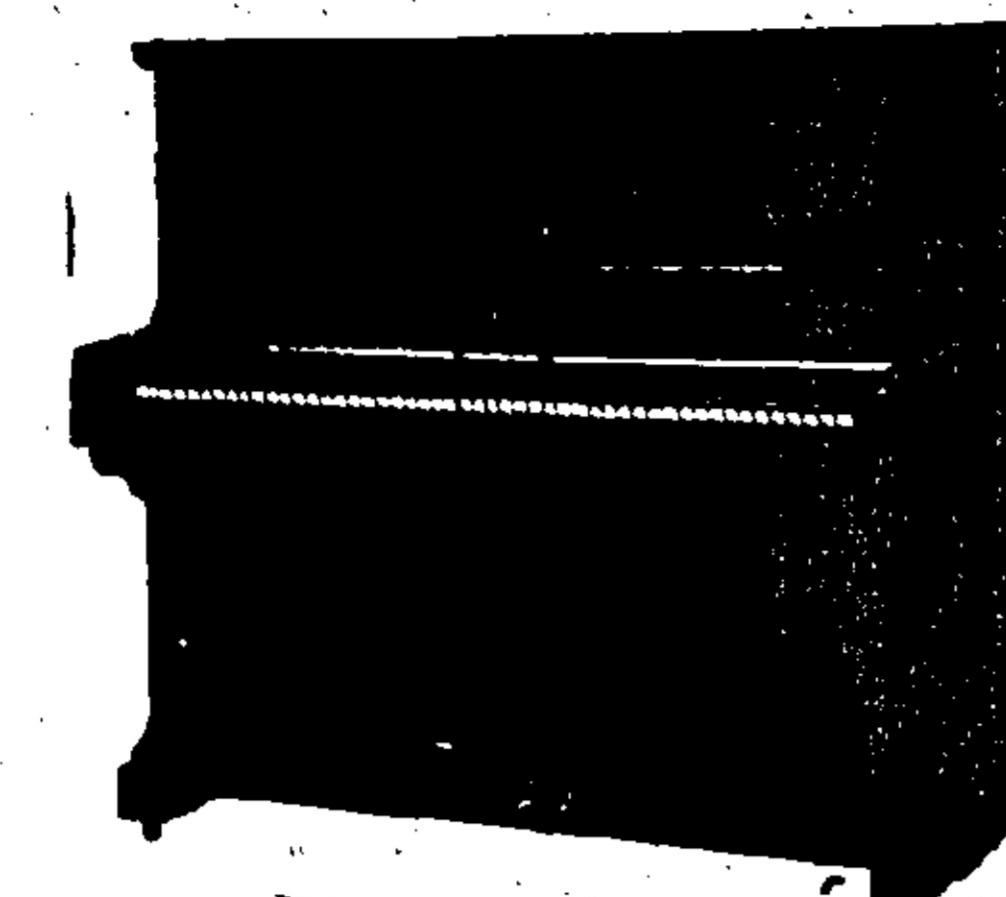
An extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of the Company, last evening at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of passing special resolutions as advertised.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided and there were present the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, and Messrs. A. O. Lang, W. L. Paterson, J. A. Plummer, A. Forbes and W. Ross Thompson (Directors), C. Montague Ede (Manager), and Messrs. C. H. P. Hay, P. M. Hodgson, D. B. Murray, W. H. Macleod, B. M. G. da Cunha, V. L. dos Reimos, A. E. S. Alves, J. Gardiner, V. R. Ribeiro and M. A. R. Souza.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, some time has elapsed since the notice of this meeting was advertised in the Press announcing that certain resolutions would be submitted and proposed at this meeting to the effect that the Company's capital be converted from silver to gold, and, before asking you to vote upon these resolutions, and others, which are to-day before you, I would like, with your permission, to explain the reasons of your Directors for the change in the constitution of the Company. This Company was established in this Colony many years ago under the name of the "China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited" and later its name was changed to the "British Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd." In 1908 an amalgamation with the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, was effected and the two Companies are now under the same management and control. Branch offices have been opened in China, Japan, London, Straits Settlements, Australia and India, and lately in Canada, New Zealand and Buenos Aires. The Company's business, as will be seen, is transacted to a very large extent in gold, and our constituents in these places are better able to satisfy themselves as to the security offered by the Company's policies if the Company's financial position is shown in the annual balance sheet in gold, or currency which more properly represents our world wide operations. This morning similar resolutions to those were passed by the shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, and it is most desirable that these two Companies, whose operations are so closely allied and under the same management and control, should show their workings under the same currency. In order to bring about the conversion, it has been necessary to apply to the Hongkong Legislature for a special enactment and an Ordinance, intituled The British Traders' Insurance Company Limited (Capital Conversion) Ordinance 1919, has been passed this morning and the conversion will become effective upon the confirmation of the resolutions which you are to-day being asked to pass. As in the case of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, your Directors consider it desirable to increase the authorized capital of this Company to £1,000,000, which will compare more favourably with its competitors in gold countries. Upon the confirmation of the resolutions, each share of a nominal value of \$33.33 will be automatically transferred into three shares and two-fifths of one share of the nominal value of £3 each. The total number of gold shares will be 31,600 and at the meeting to be held on the 25th April, you will be asked to agree to the issuing of 14,400 additional shares on the terms set forth in a notice that will be shortly given. The issued capital will then consist of 86,000 shares and I am authorised to state that the unissued capital represented by 104,000 shares will not be issued in part or whole without your sanction. It is unnecessary at this juncture to deal with the resolution bringing the paid up value of the new shares to £3 each, as we are advised by our solicitors that the passing of extraordinary resolutions is all that is necessary, and these cannot be proposed until the resolutions now before you are confirmed as special resolutions. The ancillary resolutions will be dealt with, therefore, at the confirmatory meeting to be held on the 25th April. I do not think resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 need any further explanation. Resolution No. 3 deals with alterations in our Articles of Association which are necessary to enable us to declare a bonus dividend out of our reinsurance fund and to set it off against

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Sharon, Pa., Feb. 19.—That Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary force, who has been mentioned several times during the last two months, as probably being the next Republican candidate for the presidency, will not be a candidate for the nomination, was announced here to-day by James Bracken, Republican leader at Greenville.

Mr. Bracken made the announcement following receipt of a letter from Col. Carl Boyd, private secretary to the American general.

The letter came in reply to a letter sent Gen. Pershing by Bracken, in which Bracken congratulated the general upon the defeat of Germany, and said that in response to the wishes of returning American soldiers the Republican party would probably nominate him for the presidency at the G.O.P. convention in 1920.

In reply to the letter, Col. Boyd, speaking for Gen. Pershing, said: "Gen. Pershing is concerned only with his military duties."

The letter follows:—

"My dear Mr. Bracken,—Gen. Pershing has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your cordial letter of Nov. 14, and to extend his hearty thanks for your high appreciation of the achievements of our armies in France, and of himself as their commander-in-chief. As for the other matter mentioned in your letter, he thanks you for the compliment which you pay him, but he is concerned only with his military duties and feels that he could not consistently become interested in anything which would divert his attention from them. He asks me to extend you his best wishes."

a call which is to be made in order to bring the paid up value of the new shares to £3 each. After the next annual general meeting your Directors will recommend declaring dividends in sterling currency and the addition of Article No. 207(b) is to legalize the payment at fixed rate of exchange should it be deemed desirable. It is necessary to vote upon the three Resolutions separately. A majority of three quarters of the Shareholders present is necessary to pass them, but your Directors feel confident of your unanimous support.

The Chairman then proposed the resolutions, which were seconded by Mr. D. B. Murray and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then said:—All these resolutions having been passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to the second extraordinary meeting to be held on Friday, the 25th day of April, 1919, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., due notice of which will be given.

The meeting then terminated.

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MARRIAGE.

BURN-MACLEAN.—On April 10th, at Hongkong, George Andrew Burn, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to Ethel Anna Maclean, daughter of the late John Maclean, of Bangkok, Siam.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG. FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1919.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS.

It was pleasing to observe in connection with yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council some evidence of an official desire to make a break with past precedents in regard to Council matters, if, by so doing, the general convenience could be served. In the first place, His Excellency showed himself anxious to come into line with the Home Parliamentary practice of answering certain questions in writing, thereby avoiding the necessity either of holding meetings solely for the purpose of giving replies to unofficial queries or of causing needless delay in the securing of information. That is a very sensible innovation, and one which ought to work well on occasions when there is no urgent business to engage the attention of Councillors. We were glad also to note the earlier hour at which the Council sat—eleven o'clock is a far more reasonable time than two-thirty, and we hope that yesterday's experiment—if it were one—will be generally followed in the future.

During the course of the meeting, His Excellency took occasion to make a few observations with regard to granting facilities to the Press to secure information from the Government on subjects of public concern. His remarks obviously were not made in any complaining spirit; we regard them as being sincerely meant and as evidence of His Excellency's wish to bring the Government and the Press into closer touch. From that standpoint we can and do appreciate the motives inspiring Mr. Sevren's little dissertation. The burden of his remarks was that many statements and comments are from time to time made in the columns of the newspapers which would possibly not appear in print if occasion were first taken to seek information on the points involved from official quarters. His Excellency says it does not follow that all the information so imparted could be made public, but that the mere possession of confidential knowledge would on occasion prevent the circulation of mistaken ideas. That is the gist of his observations, coupled with an intimation that His Excellency is always accessible to those responsible for the production of newspapers, to whom he is sure, information would rarely be withheld. That is so much to the good, and if His Excellency's promise is freely and frankly observed, there should be far less working in the dark than there has been in the past.

His Excellency is right in assuming that most newspapers are anxious to present accurate information to their readers; it would be a foolish, and, incidentally, from a business point of view, an unsound policy for a journal wilfully to ignore the truth of facts. It pays no newspaper to be always working on assumptions and imaginings. But, whilst fully appreciating His Excellency's intimation, we cannot agree that in cases where erroneous statements gain currency on public issues the fault is always to be laid at the door of the Press. The public knows how extremely reticent the Government often is when replying in Council to seekers after knowledge; Unofficial members have openly declared how difficult it is to get definite replies to unambiguous questions. And, we say it with all due deference, that experience has been repeated over and over again when the Press has sought information from official sources. "We can recall many occasions when our representatives have found Government officials decidedly uncommunicative, to put it very mildly. Of late—whatever the reason may be—matters have improved in this regard, and on various topics we have been able to secure valuable information from more than one Government Department. His Excellency apparently believes in taking the Press more into his confidence than have some other holders of the office which he now fills. We appreciate the change, and can only hope that the policy he has now indicated will be followed by those who come after him."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The replies given by the Government to the questions put by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, in the Legislative Council yesterday, were of such a nature as to create feelings of satisfaction on the one hand and disappointment on the other. Taken in the order in which the questions were put by Mr. Alabaster, the first reply was eminently satisfactory. The provision of a playground for the children on Mount Kellet Road is most desirable in view of the added danger to life and limb owing to the increased rickshaw traffic on the Peak. In passing, we wonder why similar steps have not been taken in connection with the motor traffic on Kennedy Road. However we will deal with this matter at some future date. The reply to the second question included a refusal by the Government to erect a bandstand on the unused lot on the north side of the Supreme Court, but no reason was vouchsafed as to why this most desirable step should not be taken. Surely this is not one of the points upon which the Government is "debarred" from publishing information? However, of this also, more anon. The reply to question three appears to be satisfactory, likewise replies to questions four, five and six. Coming to the response to the seventh question, as to whether the Government had done anything to assist visitors passing through the Colony to obtain shelter, the reply was rather in the nature of a camouflage. It was left an open question whether anything would be done by the Government if assistance was applied for. In view of the great lack of hotel accommodation and the almost certain recurrence of what took place two or three weeks ago, if the Government is prepared to give assistance a public announcement should be made to that effect, and the hotels who have to turn temporary visitors away should be instructed to advise application to the Government. The reply to question eight was one of the most clear and comprehensive statements we have ever heard at question time. His Excellency later on explained the matter further. To bring busy business men to the Council Chamber merely for the purpose of reading out a series of answers to questions which could just as easily be circulated by letter and through the Press is absurd, and for once in a way both Official and Unofficial members were unanimous. Question one by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak seemed to have been met in an adequate manner and the same may apply to question two, since Mr. Holyoak appeared to be satisfied, at least for the time being. Thus we find that out of ten questions eight were replied to in a manner that could give little cause for complaint and two were somewhat unsatisfactory. We may yet hope to see O.K. placed against the replies to all questions asked.

WANTED: STATE ENTERPRISE.

The war, if it has done nothing else, has at least brought home the necessity of developing the Empire's resources. The prospects of increasing revenue by productive enterprise throughout the Empire are immense. The undeveloped resources of the British Empire are enormous. Mr. Churchill's bold investment on behalf of the British Government in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, which is yielding eight per cent., is an instructive lesson. There is a great field for a State in avenues where individual enterprise may not be tempted to venture. We have reached a stage in the development of the Empire when we must consider possible opportunities for the State of creating wealth quickly. There are boundless resources in the Empire, and it is only a question of bringing the people of Great Britain into fruitful contact with these boundless potentialities of wealth. In a debate in the House of Commons recently on the Address, Mr. H. Wilson Fox advocated an enquiry into the prospects of increasing revenue by productive enterprise throughout the Empire. He instanced the whole fisheries in the Antarctic and pointed out that the Empire possessed the main portion of the world's food in fish which if developed by a national fishing fleet would produce ten million tons of fish annually and provide millions of sterling profit for the Exchequer. There is plenty of matter for thought in this suggestion.

DAY BY DAY.

PERHAPS ALL THINGS COME TO HIM WHO WAITS, BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS NOT WORTH WAITING FOR.

A fine of \$350, or, in default, three months' hard labour, was to-day imposed on a Chinese for having 39 taels of raw non-government opium.

The Admiral Line will open their permanent offices on the 5th floor, Hotel Mansions Building, to-morrow. There will be "open house" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Yesterday's health return shows three cases of plague (two fatal), three of cerebro-spinal meningitis (two fatal) and one fatal occurrence of enteric fever. All were Chinese.

Mr. P. W. Goldring has secured \$2,000 bail for a Chinese who was charged with being in possession of 3,000 lottery tickets. The case was remanded until to-morrow.

Pressing business too far, involved a Chinese shop-keeper in a \$50 fine this morning. He was caught by the Police selling liquor to some European soldiers after 12 mid-night, the closing hour.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Pupils at Bellios Public School (Special contribution), \$35.

Local residents may have wondered as to the reason of the firing of guns at about 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was the resumption of the pre-war salute to a foreign warship entering the Harbour, the ship in the present case being the Japanese cruiser, Yukawa.

Commodore Gurner will unveil the tablet erected in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to the memory of the late Sir Linfield R. N. Police who recently lost his life in the execution of his duty. The ceremony will take place during the morning service (11 o'clock) at which the Bishop of Victoria will be the preacher.

It is proposed to celebrate St. George's Day, 23rd April, in Hongkong this year, by giving an entertainment to the Warrant Officers, N. C. Os, and men of the Services. A dinner, confined to Members of the St. George's Society and a few official guests, will also be held in the evening, at the Hongkong Hotel.

The members of the Second Presbyterian Church, who are building a new edifice at Yan Chai Street, Canton, are becoming ambitious. They will change their plan from a brick to a cement concrete building. At first a budget of \$23,200 was fixed for the construction. Now they have increased the cost to \$29,000. They have to subscribe \$9,000 more before their ambition is realised; but several strong members of the Church have already pledged to raise the amount. —Canton Times.

OUTRAGE AT Y.M.C.A. HOSTEL.

A during assault and robbery was perpetrated recently in the Y.M.C.A. hostel, Bothwell-street, Glasgow. Four men, two civilians, a soldier and a sailor, arrived at the hostel about 2 a.m., and asked for shelter till the train left for the North at 5 o'clock. They were admitted and when leaving about 4 o'clock they attacked the night attendant, knocking him down and rendering him unconscious. They then gagged him and rifled his pockets. They abstracted about £50 from the safe. One of the civilians was captured, and was remanded at the police court later in the day.

ROBBIE'S LETTER.

TO HIS NEPHEW AT HOME.

Hongkong, 9th April 1919.
Dear Alick,

Man, when ye come back, if you're spared and well, you'll not know this place. Just what shape the Peace Memorial is to take hasn't been decided yet, but they've got plenty of suggestions, you believe me.

Properly set out under their headings and sub-headings and numbered off and each paragraph set to one side, up to now they represent quite a respectable lot of foolscap. I'll be far cheated if there's no dog fight over the business before it's finished.

Too many cooks spoil the broth and many patterns of voile maketh the wife's head dizzy. Many a good dress has been spoilt wi' a multitude of patterns to choose from. When Janet used to make up her mind to get a real nice No. 1 Sunday dress it was worse than a church planning to build a Hall. She usually forms a committee of one, wi' power to add to its number (that was me) and the first step was to have a series of consultations wi' her friends.

Mrs. Macpherson usually elected herself adviser-chief and wi' her help D'Aguilar Street and vicinity was carefully mapped out and a day set aside for the collection of patterns, half of which were generally lost in the depths of bags and purses before they got home. At this stage I would be casually shown the wisps of material that remained after the foray and in a careless off-handed manner would be asked "How do you think that would look wi' fillet lace and net?" If experience is worth all that it's cracked up to be and has any meaning whatever to the average man that's been through the mill, he's a wise man that creates his forehead wi' camouflaged thought and wi' apparent heartlessness says that it looks "fine".

The unthinking in his griffin days at the game will finger the stuff and let off some mental exhaust about it (the aforesaid stuff) being on the thin side for a bathing suit. But the average wife is also at the salad stage o' things if she doesn't like him wi' a look that makes him feel like a trousered worm and a puerile ninny to boot. A man's no longer married before he's made to realise that for his wife to have clothes doesn't necessarily mean that she's clothed. A woman may have a couple of wardrobes feathered wi' frocks and yet have nothing to wear. That's more than mild philosophy, mind ye—it's honest fact, all bachelor scoffing to the contrary. All of the psychologists admit that women like men to be masterful in courtship but not afterwards. That's another story anyway, but the fact remains nevertheless that it is invariably on the question of clothes that the young wife wins her first Waterloo.

Well, as I was saying, after the collection of fabric comes in turn the look-see at the fashion books. That seems a simple process but, like lots o' other seemingly easy things in this world, it isn't. I've seen Janet surrounded round and round in the middle of our parlour floor, wi' open fashion books and brown paper patterns marking the place and then no able to settle in her mind what she wanted her frock made. It usually ended up in a skirt o' one picture being stuck on the blouse o' another and in the end the collar of something else being thrown in as make-weight.

I suppose that the folks that design them sort of pictures, imbeciles and all as they look, have some kind of preconceived idea as to what should be, and ye would think that womenfolks would have the sense (if there is such a commodity) to leave well alone and give themselves a chance to look like something other than fashionable crossbreeds.

Jazzet would say "How do you think a dress like that would look on me?" pointing to a figure that looked at me wi' a frozen smile and was about as thick as three yards o' pump water. "Fine," I would say, "if the good Lord had made ye the shape of those overgrown Alhambra cigar who during the past week

had your true section being more on the lines of a hog's head, how can ye possibly imagine that ye'll ever look like that after the tailors are through wi' ye?" And then the row would start. Believe me, at this dressmaking game there's no woman living, let her be ever so good-natured, but doesn't take umbrage at light remarks about her figure. The man's interest lies chiefly in his passbook figure the month following.

I needn't go into any more details about that Sunday-dress-to-be, for by the time the tailor gets the material and then spends the next three weeks in Canton chin-chin jossing before he starts the job, and when he does get a move on, puts the sleeves wrong side in four times in succession, well, the time the frock's finished it's only fit to go see the pictures in and, that by reason of the fact that it must be worn in the dark. But do ye think that the womenfolks are any better off for the experience? Deil the fear, for by that time, they've already started to plan the next one.

As I was saying though, the Peace Memorialists are going to have a tough job on their hands siftin' their friends. May be the best way out of the difficulty will be to put them all into a hat and then have a draw. It's a great pity under the circumstances that the St. Andrew's Society let yon Lottery machine go back to Macao, for it would have come in handy for the job. I wouldn't be on the committee for worlds, for they can't please everybody and them that have fathered some pet scheme, no matter how impracticable it is, are going to look on its rejection as a personal affront. As you know I'm strong for an Hospital myself and naturally cannae see any sense in anything else, but whatever the Memorial is to be, let's have one thing and be finished wi' it and let it be a Memorial. I mind at the Diamond Jubilee—it looks yesterday to me—at the hinder end if I mind right we got wee cards to indicate whether we were in favour of a Jubilee Road or an Hospital. Well, in the end we got both, at least a bit of a road that the Government should have made anyway and the Barker Road Hospital [Victoria Hospital]. —Ed. Hongkong Telegraph

FOR ST. BUNSTAN'S HOME.

WEDNESDAY'S BAZAAR.

A very successful sale of work in aid of St. Dunstan's Hostel was held on Wednesday afternoon, on the tennis courts of "Montpellier," Queen's Gardens, and the ladies who conducted the sale and the refreshments, wish to render their best thanks to their friends (too numerous to specially mention) who so kindly co-operated with them in contributing money and articles for sale in aid of the cause.

The winning numbers of the raffles were:

Large raffle—1st prize, No. 121; 2nd prize, No. 69; 3rd prize, No. 73; 4th prize, No. 58; 5th prize, No. 96; 6th prize, No. 31.

Doll raffle—1st prize, 58; 2nd prize, No. 50; 3rd prize, No. 28; 4th prize, No. 32.

Teddy Bear.—No. 93.

Lady's Sweater.—No. 47.

Gramophone.—No. 2.

Netted Bag.—No. 85 (made by the one of the Blind Soldiers of the Home).

Night Dress—No. 45.

Picture, "Last of the Garrison"—No. 45.

Goose.—No. 41.

Dressed Doll in Chair.—No. 59.

Special thanks are due to the Hongkong Hotel, Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., Messrs. Wimman, Alexandra Cafe, Sir Paul Chater, and others who contributed to refreshments; also to the following firms who donated articles for sale:—Anderson Music Co., Ah Young, Ah Men and Hing Cheong, British American Tobacco Co., Colonial Dispensary, Chan Yuen, Madame Flint, Messrs Fairall and Co., Graeco-Egyptian Coffee Store, Hongkong Furnishing Co., Messrs. Komar and Komor, Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co., Messrs. Mourie and Co., Messrs. Powell and Co., the Pharmacy, Queens Dispensary, Kwong Sang, Robinson Piano Co., Sun Co., Wing On Co., Sincere Co., Wang Hing, Sang Mow.

The sum total of the proceeds will be furnished later on, the result to date being \$1,300. Many articles were left over, and a private sale will be held early in May, at Montpellier.

OUR BOYS.

There was a full rehearsal of "Our Boys" last evening and a very striking performance was given by the local amateurs taking part. One was able to see and bear the play with the greatest satisfaction, despite the fact that the scenes were not set and the players were not "dressed." Each member of the cast has made herself and himself as near perfection as possible and they take their parts in real professional style. The final production will undoubtedly be an unqualified success. One cannot comment on the results obtained without referring to the untiring work of Mr. R. Ashby. Besides taking part himself he has coached the other players and has gone to the utmost trouble to make every minute detail perfect, and the amateurs concerned have every reason to be grateful to him for his disinterested work which has indeed been very hard. A full house is expected on Saturday night and those who desire to see the play should book at once.

have had to consult the Encyclopaedia any real knowledge of the subject. If I were you, Mac" says I, "I would keep your breath to cool your porridge on any way, for I'm a rotten bad judge if the Jesuits ever come here after all. This place is too poor for them. The Jesuits dinns go in for colleges on the bread and butter principle. What they do is done in style. Besides, what earthly chance has the petition to the Pope got of being granted, when before it has even left Hongkong, it has been printed in the papers and fought over by every building theologian that's afflicted with the finger itch?" Myself I never like to see religious topics in the newspapers; a column of that sort of stuff generally produces on an average about four columns of recrimination.

Yours truly,
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AMBITION RICKSHA COOLIE.

WANTED TO LEAD THE WAY.

Leung Yee is a hard working ricksha coolie who wants to go on the world. But yesterday, he put his foot into it! His ricksha ran into another ricksha in which was Mr. B. L. Frost.

From the statements made in Mr. Orme's Court by Mr. Frost and the Police, it appears that Mr. Frost engaged a ricksha at the Kowloon ferry to go to his residence. There were also a number of other rickshas hired by other people, and they all proceeded along the road in a string. Leung Yee's ricksha was at the tail-end. As has been already mentioned Leung Yee is ambitious. He refused to accept the humiliation of remaining at the tail-end—a respectable place at the head was what he desired. He turned aside from the traffic, put on a burst and then turned again and precipitated himself, his passenger and ricksha into the head of the procession, with the full intentions of forcing his way in the line. This was a rash act, which was followed with disastrous consequences. He crashed into Mr. Frost's ricksha, upsetting it and throwing Mr. Frost on to the road.

Mr. Orme, after hearing the story, said to the coolie:—"Apparently you were trying to get in front of other people instead of taking your turn. You were defrauding the other ricksha coolies. You are fined \$2, or seven days."

TEN CENTS A MEAL.

LODGER ASSAULTS LANDLADY.

When a lady meets her late abounding lodger and asks him to square up, and he, instead of doing so, like a man, hits her on the mouth and loosens one of her teeth, this is rather more than human nature can stand. The lady referred to was a Chinese woman, and she took in a lodger who agreed to pay her ten cents for each meal. After he had been fatten for two months and when the bill had run up to \$12, he quietly took his departure and made himself scarce. The woman by chance met him yesterday at Shanghai Street, and when she taxed him with his iniquity, he promptly and lustily laboured her. After all this show of brutal force one would have expected him to walk off in high glee, but instead of taking this course he subsided and allowed himself to be led off like a sheep by the woman to the Police Station.

The magisterial mandate to-day was that a sum of \$12 should be paid to the woman as compensation, or a term of imprisonment for one month would be the result.

HONGKONG'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

["Hongkong Telegraph" Special.]

Hongkong is common with every other city in the world, has its pet grievances. The weather, the Government, the lack of housing accommodation, the commandeering of vessels, the telephone and the electric light services and the late delivery of the Hong Kong mails all form subjects for grievances. It is indeed easy to criticize.

We have no desire to pose as a critic of our telephone service, and, conscious of the great difficulties with which the Telephone Company is faced, we took the trouble of interviewing Mr. A. S. Bennett, the Manager. During the interview we learnt several interesting facts relating to the many local telephone traffic difficulties, and we also spent an interesting half-hour in seeing over the Hongkong Central Exchange.

In this exchange the daily load reaches 40,000 calls and we witnessed the operating staff handling the mid-afternoon load. Each operator was seated at her section of the switchboard busily manipulating the plugs and connecting calls at the rate of nearly 200 per hour. Except for the click of the plugs and the rapid movement of the operators' arms, there was nothing to show that the exchange was busy and it is certainly hard to appreciate that hundreds of subscribers were actually conversing.

Each telephone subscriber has two distinct and individual wires connecting his instrument with the exchange. These wires are carried under the streets in paper core lead-covered cables which terminate on a test frame in the exchange and at various distributing points outside. The working lines are sorted out in numerical order on the test frame whence they are wired to two intermediate frames to connect with the apparatus used for signalling the calls on the switchboard. When the subscriber rings the exchange, he energizes a delicately constructed electro-magnetic relay, which operation closes a circuit and lights a calling lamp on the switchboard. In plugging in to answer, the operator automatically restores the relay and the calling lamp is extinguished. By pressing a key the operator connects her headgear telephone to the calling subscriber and ascertains the number required by using "Number-please." The subscriber, if he be wise, gives the required number slowly and distinctly, naming each figure separately and emphasising the nines and fives. Each number on the system is multiplied at short intervals throughout the switchboard so that each operator is able to reach all the numbers without leaving her seat. A special motor is provided for ringing subscribers' telephone bells, and the operators have only to press a key to ring the required numbers. When the conversation is completed and the receivers are placed on the rest, two lamp signals glow whereupon the operator disconnects the lines which are then ready for further calls. In the Hongkong Exchange the traffic staff numbers 84; the operators work in teams, each of which is in charge of a supervisor. The supervisors are controlled by the clerks in charge, assisted by two monitors.

The chief difficulties of working telephones in Hongkong are due to adverse weather conditions and language troubles. In the former case a rapid change in temperature or the occurrence of heavy humidity are sufficient to cause the finely adjusted relays to fail. To cope with the humidity trouble a plant for distributing dry air throughout the exchange apparatus has been installed.

The language troubles are very difficult to combat. The Chinese will speak numbers hopelessly from a telephone point of view with the result that they frequently call wrong numbers. In calling a number with figures, a Chinese whispers the first figure in a deep voice to

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MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thunday Is., Townsville, Brisbane & Sydney	Nikko M. (WED., T. 9,600)	23rd Apr.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

COLOMBO SHIPPING RETURNS.

During the twelve months ended December 1918, 1,937 vessels, including sailing boats but excluding coasting vessels entered the port of Colombo, the total tonnage being 4,442,000. There were 46 man-of-war of 146,517 tons, and 185 transports of 839,441 tons.

A HUGE LINER.

The White Star liner "Ceramic," which sailed from London on the 22nd January and called at Colombo on the 18th February on her way to Australia with Australian troops on board, is the biggest ship that has entered Colombo harbour. She is 18,481 tons gross and 11,729 tons net, and was built in 1913 by Harland and Wolff for the Ocean Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (White Star Line). Previous to the war the biggest vessel to enter the harbour was the Hamburg-Amerika liner "Cleveland" of 16,690 tons.

AMERICAN VICTORY SHIPS.

There entered the Colombo harbour recently a five-masted American schooner, which hailed from Vancouver. She had been purchased by the French Government and was on her way to Marseilles. She is a new type of boat, driven by an auxiliary motor and doing ten knots, one of the "war productions" of America. Another of America's ships, popularly known as "Victory" ships, is the Pacific mail liner "Kasota" which arrived in Colombo harbour on the 5th February, en route to San Francisco. A wooden vessel of little over 3,000 tons, she was completed in 43 days.

COLOMBO OIL STORAGE.

At the annual meeting of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, held in Colombo on the 18th February, the Chairman, Mr. Jas. Lochore, in the course of his speech, referring to the Colombo harbour, said the progress in the works connected with the oil depot and the storage of liquid fuel continues, and also the construction of the lakeside warehouse and the harbour canal. But a highly important question will require to be dealt with by Government very soon, and that is the possibility of expansion of the Colombo harbour. There can be little doubt, he said, that the present capacity of the harbour will, in the near future, be found inadequate to meet the demands made upon it, and a decision must be come to as to whether it is preferable to expand by means of inland wet docks or in some other manner; or to develop the harbours of Trincomalee and Galle. He made a point of saying that consideration of the subject should not be unduly postponed, as whatever the decision, time must elapse before any works undertaken in the near future can be brought to completion in order to satisfy the growing needs of shipping.

ELECTRIC WELDING.

The British Government has invited the Institution of Electrical Engineers to put forward suggestions for ensuring the safety of operators engaged in electric welding. This circumstance, combined with the approval by Lloyds of electric welding for ship's hulls under certain conditions, is a proof that this process of jointing steel will prove a formidable rival of riveting. Hitherto no general regulations have covered electric welding, and the firms engaged in it have adopted their own methods, which seem to have been fairly successful in protecting the operator himself from material hurt. The main difficulty is apparently to safeguard other workmen who, especially in the open conditions of shipyard work, will persist in watching the operators. The ultra-violet rays from the welding arc have an injurious action on the eye, and the infra-red rays burn the skin. Sir William Crookes has invented a glass which protects the eye against both types of radiators and if its use is made compulsory, together with efficient screening against onlookers, it appears likely that electric welding will become as safe as riveting. It is also admirably adapted to building up the framework of reinforced concrete vessels. Both in Great Britain and in America, State research committees are busy perfecting the details of the process. A big fight is likely to be made by the vested interests (labour and otherwise) concerned in riveting, but electrical engineers are confident that welding will triumph both in the construction of hulls and in the making and repairing of tanks, ventilators, and other portions of ship equipment.

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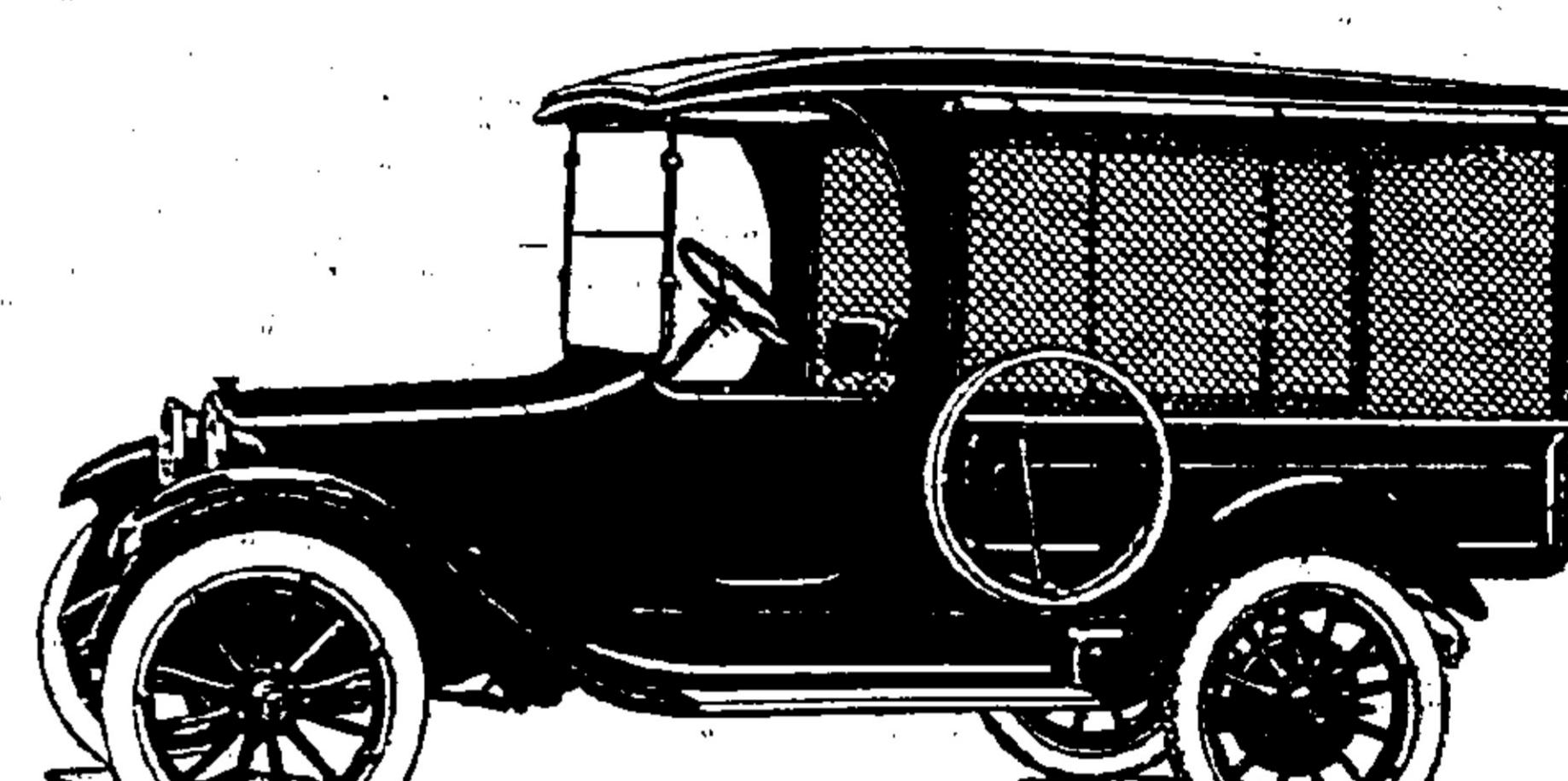
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CONDITIONS IN MURMANSK.

TRANQUILITY IN SPITE OF BOLSHEVIST TENDENCIES.

London, April 5.
The Times' correspondent at Murmansk, telegraphing on the 3rd instant, says: Comparative tranquillity reigns here although stray shots are invited by walking after dusk. General Maynard is aware of the Bolshevik tendencies in this growing town, which contains 6,000 Russian labourers. They prevented a revolt last week, arresting 20 ringleaders. The health of the troops is excellent. They have good food, entertainments, sports and an ideal climate. The battleship Glory lying in the harbour commands the town. The danger from the Bolsheviks is greater at Archangel.

INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S CONVICTION.

Washington, April 4.
Mr. Baker received the Philippine delegation. He stated that President Wilson expressed the opinion that the time had arrived to grant the Philippines independence.

COMMANDERED DUTCH VESSELS.

THEIR RETURN BY AMERICA.

Washington, April 4.
The Shipping Board proposes to return 87 Dutch ships, still held by the United States, to their owners in the present month.

ECHO OF BILLIE CARLETON'S DEATH.

London, April 4.
At the Old Bailey, Deyville, mentioned on January 23 and March 5, was indicted for the manslaughter of Miss Billie Carleton. The jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

GERMAN SHIPS IN JAVA.

PARTY FROM SINGAPORE TO EXAMINE AND REPORT.

Singapore, April 10.
A party of ship surveyors and marine engineers, including Lloyd's Marine Surveyor and the Surveyor General of Ships, is leaving for Java to examine and report upon twenty odd German ships there.

Later.
It is reported that the party will examine over 30 German ships with a view to taking them over.

STRAITS FOOD SITUATION.

Singapore, April 10.
The Food Controller has held meetings at Penang, Johore and Singapore to explain the situation. He forecasted that the end of the year would see an actual shortage of rice, and said it was urgently necessary to increase other supplies. He advocated the cultivation of tapioca to exchange for wheat in Europe and Australia.

TROUBLESOME CHINESE.

Singapore, April 10.
The repatriated Chinese who gave trouble on the voyage here from India have left for China by the s.s. Namsang under guard.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, state:

STRENGTH.

No. 800 Pte. W. H. Prowse, "B" Coy., is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

PROMOTIONS.

Artillery Company.—No. 8 Sergt. B. W. Bradbury to be Company Sergeant Major vice C. S. M. Mackie resigned, dated 4. 4. 19. No. 9 Sergt. C. E. Frith to be Acting Company Sergeant Major during the absence on leave of C. S. M. McKinstry dated 10. 4. 19.

Infantry Battalion.—No. 278 Lance Sergt. W. H. Edmonds to be Staff Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, dated 9. 4. 19.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

Reference Corps Order No. 5 dated 10.1.19, a lecture will be given by the Adjutant at Headquarters on Wednesday, 16th April, at 6.00 p.m.

LEAVE.

R.Q.M.S. J. R. Rolger, is granted 8 months' leave, to date from day of departure. Gr. F.J. de Rome, Art. Coy., is granted 10 months' leave from 5. 5. 19. Pte. W.D. Bell, "D" Company, is granted 7 months' leave from 1. 5. 19.

ARTILLERY ORDERS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V. D., state:

Tuesday, 22nd April.—5.30 a.m. Left Half Coy. Full Parade at Headquarters. Inspection of arms, ammunition and equipment. Helmets to be worn.

Friday, 25th April.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full Parade at Headquarters. Inspection of arms, ammunition and equipment. Helmets to be worn.

ENGINEER ORDERS.

Orders for Engineer Company by Lieut. R. Hall state:

Practice Run D. E. L.—N. C. Os and Sappers as detailed by the C. S. M. will parade for duty at Ilyeemun on Tuesday, 15th April, at 8.30 p.m. Officer on duty: Lieut. Hill.

Instructional Class for Recruits—Recruits will attend for instruction under R. E. Staff Sergeants at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th April, at Belchers (instead of West Fort, Kowloon, as previously notified). Officer on duty: Lieut. Stevens.

A Meeting of Officers and N. C. Os, will be held at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th April, to consider various matters connected with the Company.

Pay.—Those who have not drawn their February pay should do so at Engineer Company office between 5.15 and 6 p.m. on Monday, 14th April. Pay not drawn on that date will be forfeited and returned to Treasury.

INFANTRY ORDERS.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan state:

Monday, 14th April.—5.15 p.m. "A" Company, No. 4 Platoon, at Headquarters, T.E.T. All men under 46 years of age who scored less than 110 points points in Part 3 of the last Musketry Course are required to attend.

Tuesday, 15th April.—5.15 p.m. "A" Company, No. 2 Platoon, at Headquarters, T.E.T. F. for N. C. Os. The following will attend:

Sergt. Humphreys, Corps. Walker and Mackiehan, and L/Cpl. Brown.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Monday, 14th April.—5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

Tuesday, 15th April.—5.15 p.m. At Headquarters, T.E.T. Rifles, belt, pouches and drums my cartridges to be carried.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE OF CANTON LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th April to the 25th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager
Hongkong, 11th April, 1919.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; B.—SALES;
B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL

OFFICIAL PRICES

BANKS.

H. K. & Sons ss. \$700

MARINE INSURANCES

Cantons b. \$450

North Chinas b. \$145

Unions ss. \$1010

Yangtzeas b. \$235

Far Easterns b. t. 26

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires s. \$165

H. K. Fires b. \$330

SHIPPING.

Douglas b. \$91

Steamboats b. 28

Indos (Prel.) b. \$32

Indos (Def.) s. 151

Shells b. 165—sa. 167

Ferries s. \$33

REFINERIES.

Sugars b. \$335 ss. 120/132

Malabons b. \$35

MINING

Kailans ss. 50/-

Langkats Comb. b. \$21

Raubas b. 2

Ironbals b. 40/-

Urals b. 40/-

DOCKS, WHARVES,

GODDONS, &c.

H. K. Wharves n. \$125

K. Docks n. \$151

Shai Docks b. \$127

N. Engineering b. \$242

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals b. \$107

H. K. Hotels b. \$95

Land Invest. b. \$1.7

H'phrys Est. b. \$73

Kloon Lands b. \$351

L. Reclamation n. \$173

West Points b. \$63

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos b. \$237

Kung Yiks b. \$83

Lau Kung Mows n. \$170

Orientals n. \$70

Shai Cottons s. \$170

Yangtszeopos b. \$11

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands ss. \$780

Borneos n. \$18.20

C. Light & P. cum rights

Providents b. \$75

Dairy Farms b. \$78

H. K. Electrics b. \$784

Macao Electrics n. \$333

Ropes n. \$373

Trams, Low Level n. \$9

Trams, Peak, old b. \$74

Trams, Peak, new b. cts. 76

Laundries b. \$66

Steel Foundries n. \$12

U. Waterboats n. \$13

Watsons b. \$64

Wm. Powell's b. 11

Wiseman's b. 11

Hongkong, April 11, 1919.

TO BE SOLD.

[TO BE SOLD.—Pursuant to an ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG dated the 7th day of March 1919 made in an Action on the matter of the Estate of HO TSUN SAN alias HO SHU TONG alias HO SAN CHUNG alias HO A SIK alias HO A SEEK alias HO A SIK deceased

BY

M. GEORGE P. LAMMERT at his Auction Rooms in Middle Street

on

WEDNESDAY

the 30th day of April 1919

at 3 o'clock in the

AFTERNOON

IN TWENTY LOTS.

THE VALUABLE LEASE-

HOLD PROPERTY

itself and being Nos. 49 and 51

Hollywood Road standing on

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406 Queen's Road West, Nos. 5

and 7 Sam To Lane all standing

on the Remaining Portion of

Section F of Inland Lot No. 809,

Nos. 51, 53, 137 and 153 Second

Street standing on the Remaining

Portion of Inland Lot No. 739 and Section G, and the Remaining</

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the registered office of the Society, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Friday, the 25th day of April, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, when the abridged resolutions, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on the 10th day of April, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions—

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Society as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £20,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Society on the date of this resolution be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £10 each with the sterling equivalent of £20 Hongkong currency at the opening T.T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 50,000 shares out of 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely—

By the insertion after Article No. 107 of the following Article.

MOVEMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS.

107. (a). The Board may employ the funds of the Society which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 107 or any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with be set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in repairing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Society, or otherwise in the business of the Society, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Society and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets."

By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 108.

- 108a. (1). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting fixes but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 19, 20 and 21 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Society and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which decides a dividend.
- (2). After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Society for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorising any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Society providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

- (3). It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this Article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Article 108 (a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

108. (b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine."

And the abridged resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary resolutions—

1. That the difference between the sterling equivalent at to-day's opening T.T. rate of exchange of £20 Hongkong currency and the sum of £2 be called up upon each of the 80,000 shares of the Society of the nominal value of £10 each into which the silver shares of the Society have been converted.
2. That a bonus dividend equal in amount to such difference as is referred to in Resolution No. 1 be and the same is hereby declared out of the Reinsurance Fund of the Society, such bonus dividend being payable to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed and that such dividend in the case of each of such persons be set off against the amount due from him for calls under Resolution No. 1 and be retained by the Society accordingly and that the Board be authorised to make the necessary entries in the books of the Company.
3. That 16,000 shares of the capital of the Society is issued additionally to the 80,000 shares referred to in Resolution No. 1 and that the sum of £4 be called up thereon and that such additional shares be offered in the first instance at a premium of £2 per share to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed in the proportion of one additional share for each silver share previously held and upon the footing that the sum of £2 called up plus the £2 (making together £25 per share) shall be paid to the Society on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which such persons are entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined to the 23rd May, 1919, and that the Board be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken up in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Society.
4. That the 16,000 additional shares referred to in Resolution No. 3 participate in all dividends declared after the next Annual General Meeting of the Society pro rata with the 80,000 shares referred to in Resolution No. 1.

Dated the 11th day of April, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE HUNGARIAN SITUATION.

RUMOURS OF ALLIED CAMPAIGN.

London, April 3.

The semi-official Bureau at Budapest denies the "Deutsche Tages Zeitung's" statement that Bela Kun has gone to Munich. A telegram from Copenhagen states that the "Lokal Anzeiger" Vienna correspondent declares that the campaign against Hungary will be soon commenced by Italian and French colonial troops who are now ready to march against Budapest. The plan is to occupy the whole of Hungary. There is no confirmation of this from any other source.

OTHER RUMOURS.

London, April 3.

So far there is no confirmation from Vienna of the rumours of the overthrow of the Soviet Government at Budapest and the assassination of the People's Commissary, Bela Kun.

CONCESSIONS TO HUNGARY.

Vienna, April 6.

Negotiations between the South and the Hungarian Government are reported to be progressing favourably. It is stated that the questions being discussed are mainly territorial concerning reasonable concessions to Hungary.

GENERAL SMUTS' PROPOSALS.

Copenhagen, April 7.

A message from Budapest states that General Smuts proposed to the Hungarian Soviet Republic: Firstly, to withdraw all troops and armed forces west of a certain defined line; secondly, that the Romanians shall be ordered not to advance beyond their present positions; thirdly, that those respective lines shall be regarded as a neutral zone and occupied by British, French, Italian and possibly American troops; fourthly, that the Hungarian Government accept the terms of the Military Convention of 13th Nov. and the

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2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Society on the date of this resolution be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £10 each with the sum of £100 paid up thereon with the sterling equivalent of £20 Hongkong currency at the opening T.T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 50,000 shares out of 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
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2. That a bonus dividend equal in amount to such difference as is referred to in Resolution No. 1 be and the same is hereby declared out of the Reinsurance Fund of the Society, such bonus dividend being payable to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed and that such dividend in the case of each of such persons be set off against the amount due from him for calls under Resolution No. 1 and be retained by the Society accordingly and that the Board be authorised to make the necessary entries in the books of the Company.

3. That 14,000 shares of the capital of the Society be issued additionally to the 80,000 shares referred to in Resolution No. 1 and that the sum of £4 be called up thereon and that such additional shares be offered in the first instance at a premium of £2 per share to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed in the proportion of one additional share for each silver share previously held and upon the footing that the sum of £2 called up plus the £2 (making together £25 per share) shall be paid to the Society on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which such persons are entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined to the 23rd May, 1919, and that the Board be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken up in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Society.
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Dated the 11th day of April, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

EXCITEMENT AT MUNICH.

Berlin, April 5.

The newspapers anticipate the proclamation of a Soviet Republic and a general strike at Munich on April 7th. There is great excitement at Munich. The streets are filled with crowds gazing at the proclamations plastered over the city. It is said that the Communist and Spartacist League Councils decided to arrest the leaders of the bourgeoisie and the press.

PREMATURE REPORTS.

London, April 7.

Apparently the news of the proclamation of a Soviet Republic of Bavaria cabled last night is premature. A Copenhagen message from Munich, dated the 6th, states that up to noon that day the Soviet Republic had not been proclaimed and the city was completely quiet. The "Munich Rotfahne" states that the Communists refused to participate in a "Mock Soviet Republic." A message from Nuremberg, dated the 6th, states that the Bavarian National Conference of the Social Democratic party passed a resolution by 42 votes to 5 against the introduction of a Soviet Republic for Bavaria.

A NEW PROCLAMATION.

London, April 7 (later).

A message from Munich states that the Bavarian Soviet Republic has issued a proclamation to all Workers' Councils declaring that the entire labouring population of Bavaria is solidly united and is assuming all public power through Soviet Councils, that the people's commissaries will replace the former ministers and adding that everything belongs to the community. All independent socialisation is prohibited.

SOVIET REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED.

Copenhagen, April 7.

A message from Berlin (April 7th), says that a message to the "Tageblatt" states that the Soviet Republic was decided upon at one o'clock this morning.

GENERAL STRIKE BEGINS.

Copenhagen, April 8.

A message from Wurzburg (April 7th), states that a Soviet Republic has been proclaimed. Communist troops occupied the telephones, telegraphs and newspaper offices. A general strike began in all factories, and shops, except foodshops, are closed. Regensburg has declared for a Soviet Republic. News of the Soviet Republic was received in Nuremberg calmly. Work is proceeding.

PEACE PROGRESS.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES AGREED UPON.

Paris, April 4.

Commissions of British, French and American experts have been appointed by the Council of Four for drafting settlements of which the general principles have been agreed upon. One Commission is drafting the settlement regarding the economic exploitation of the Sarre basin by France and the military neutralisation of Rhenish territories. A second Commission, including Mr. E. S. Montague for Britain, is undertaking the same duties in regard to reparation. The Council of Four will resume discussion on both matters on the basis of the reports of the Commissions.

LATEST EXPECTATIONS.

Paris, April 5.

It is reasonably stated that the Council of Four has practically agreed on all outstanding questions except the problem of personal responsibility for breaches of the laws of war. It is expected the Germans will appear at Versailles in three weeks.

PEACE PRELIMINARIES BY EASTER.

Paris, April 6.

Interviewed by the "Matin," Mr. Lloyd George declared that he agreed with the recent prophecy of M. Pichon that the preliminaries of peace would be ready by Easter. At the end of April or in the beginning of May the Allies would be able to invite the German delegates to come and sign,

POSITION OF GERMAN MISSIONARIES.

London, April 7.

In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel Burne, Mr. Amery said that inquiries instituted in January last year showed that 138 German missionaries, of whom 85 were Alsace Lorrainers, and one a Pole, had been permitted to remain in the colonies and protectorates. He had no exact total for the self-governing dominions. The responsibility for the expulsion and internment of German missionaries from these territories rested primarily with the various overseas governments who possessed and might be relied upon to apply the necessary legislation in the case of undesirables.

BETTER NEWS FROM EGYPT.

Cairo, March 31.

A communiqué states that General Allenby is glad to see that the disturbances, outrages and destruction of property has largely subsided. He reiterates his promise to enquire impartially into all grievances and urges all responsible and patriotic Egyptians to state the steps that are necessary to restore tranquillity and content. On the 1st April General Allenby issued a proclamation stating that as it has been impossible to pass the budget he orders the estimates of budgetary receipts and expenditure for 1919-20 to be fixed at £2,800,000 Egyptian pounds each and authorises the Government to act as if the budget had been passed.

CONSIGNEES.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI AND MANILA

s. "ECLIPSE".

The above mentioned vessel having arrived from the above mentioned Ports, consignees are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on April 15th.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after April 16th will be subject to rent.

No Fire

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

U.S. TRANSPORTATION SITUATION.

The Traffic Bureau of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has received information that the Directors of Traffic and Public Service for the United States Railroad Administration have sent a formal letter to the freight traffic committees of the Administration throughout the country, instructing them to desist from considering schemes for making changes in the freight rate structures of the country. In substance, this order is that until further advice by the Directors named above, the committees are not toocket or send out for public consideration any proceeding making a general increase in the rates on any commodity or commodities in any district or territory or any general readjustment of rates in any district or territory unless the approval of the Directors of Traffic and Public Service has first been given. In view of the above it is felt that the transportation situation of the country will gradually revert to normal condition as in effect prior to the entrance of this country into the war, and that the abnormal advances in freight rates which were viewed as a war necessity are now behind us.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	3/34
Demand	3/3 15/16
No d/s	3/3 1/16
50 d/s	3/3 3/16
4 m/s	3/4 5/16
H/T Shanghai	Nom.
H/T Singapore	141/2
H/T Japan	51
H/T India	Nom.
H/T San Francisco & New York	773/4
H/T Java	191
H/T Marks	Nom.
H/T Marks	4 5/4
Demand. Paris	4 5/2

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	3/5
4 m/s. D/P	3/5
6 m/s. L/C	3/5
39 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	3/5 1/2
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	79 1/2
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	4 7/8
6 m/s. France	4 8/12
Demand. Germany	—
Demand. New York	77 1/2
H/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand. Bombay	—
H/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand. Calcutta	—
Demand. Manila	159 1/4
Demand. Singapore	141/2
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	—
On Bangkok	46 1/4
Sovereign	5.95 Nom.
Gold leaf per oz	42.20
Bar Silver, per oz	—

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H/kong 50 cts sub.	\$ 2% dis.
" 10 "	\$ 3.50% dis.
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SECOND ANNUAL DRAWING OF BONDS.

NOTICE.—Subscribers to the above Loan are hereby notified that arrangements have now been made to proceed with the redemption of the Loan, and that the second drawing of bonds will take place on 15th May next. The date of payment with a list of the numbers of drawn bonds will be announced in a subsequent notification.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs.

All persons, with the exception of those of Chinese race, desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily AT THE PASS OFFICE, POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G. P. O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

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8.50 p.m. 9.00 p.m. 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. every 30 min. to 11.45 p.m.

SATURDAY EXTRA CARS.
12.00 midnight.

SUNDAYS.

11.30 a.m. 12.00 noon. 1.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m. 3.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.

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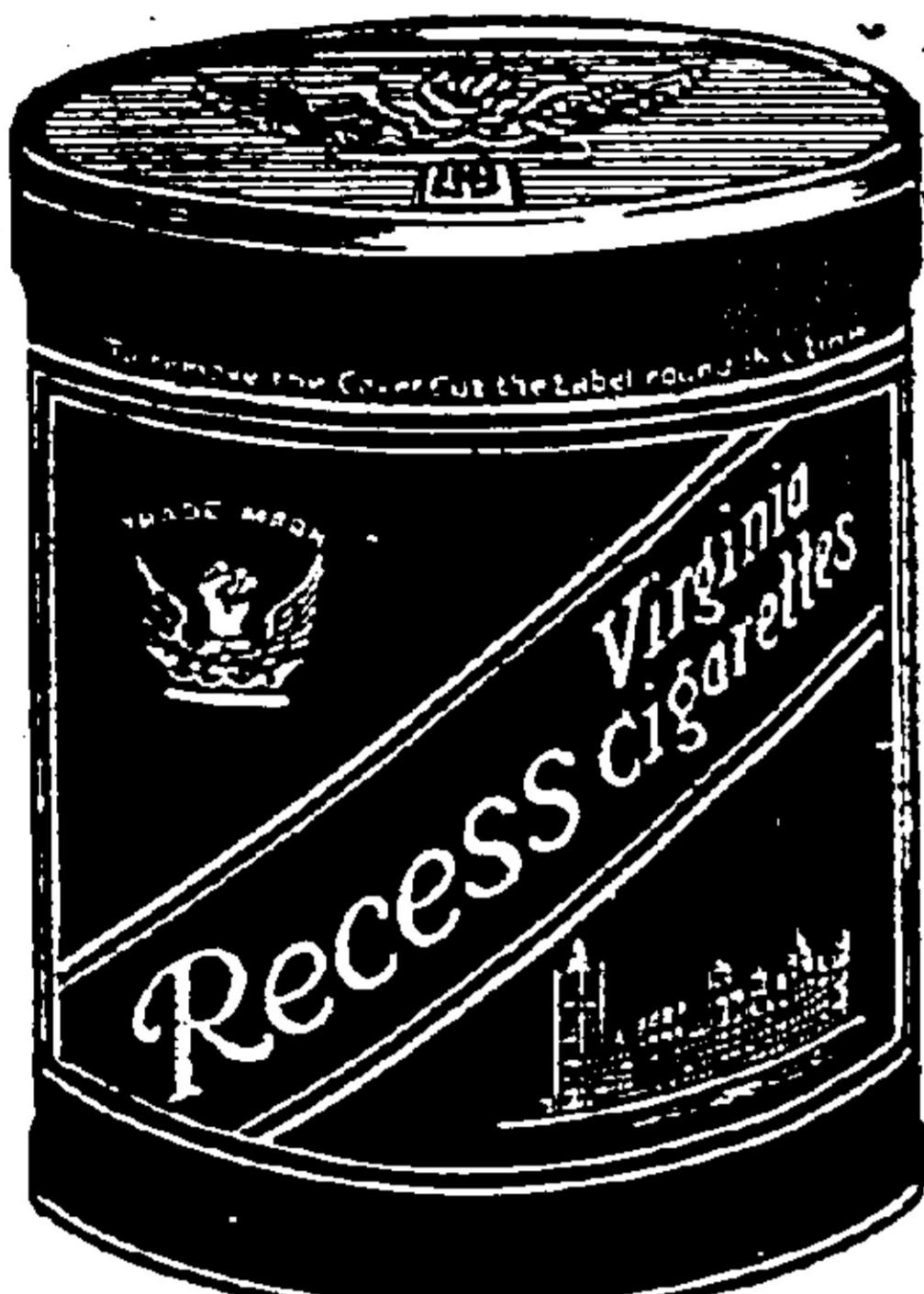
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guan. Keelung, Y. K. K.—
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Kaijini Maru, 1193, Jap. Capt. Matsuo.
Canton, Y. K. K.-Mooring—
C44.
Kaho, 103, Ch. Capt. Hesse. Wahn.
Moller & Co.-Mooring—B9.
Alconca, 303, Ch. Capt. Leung Hin.
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ing—C16.
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Shim Ping, 7415, Ch. Capt. Franzen.
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er. Shanghai, Standard Oil
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B. & S.-Mooring—Taikoo
Dock.
Shun Shun, 297, Ch. Capt. Plat.
Kwangchow, Po On & Co.—
Mooring—Wharf.
W. Morris, 1678, Br. Capt. Pritchard.
Bangkok, Moller & Co.-Moor-
ing—A 3.

VESSELS CLEARED.

Good Weather for Tientsin.
Departure for San Francisco
Tuesday for Cacti.
Departure for Kwangchow.
Departure for Manila.
Departure for Tsinling & Newchwang.
Departure for Fuzhou via Hukow.
Departure for Canton.
Departure for Macao via Amoy.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAIIS.

Europe via Naples—Per LYCAON,
12th April.

U.S.A.—Per CHINA, 12th April.

Manila & Australia—Per CHANGSHA,
13th April.

Shanghai—Per DUNERA, 13th April.

Straits—Per HEJAZ, 13th April.

OUTWARD MAIIS.

TO MORROW.

Java and Port Moresby via Batavia—Per
VAN WAERWYCK, 12th April, 3 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via
Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South
America and Europe—Per
Canada—Per MANILA, 12th April.

Letters 11.30 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per YINGCHOW,
12th April, 5 p.m.

Japan via Kei-Be—Per SUISANG, 12th
5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 1st April.

Swatow and Straits—Per LINAN, 13th
April, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—
Per AWAKUSA, 13th April, 9 a.m.

Monday, 14th April.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHINHAU,
14th April, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 15th April.

Shanghai and N. China—Per TEAN, 13th
April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAL-
BONG, 15th April, 1 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S.
Africa, India via Dhawashkdi.

Bombay, Aden, Egypt and
Europe via Suez—Per DU-
NERA, 15th April, Reg. L15

p.m. Letters 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, 17th April.

Shanghai and N. China—Per SUNNING,
17th April, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 19th April.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S.
Africa, India via Dhawashkdi.

Bombay, Aden, Egypt and
Europe via Suez—Per DU-
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SHANGHAI, 19th April, 5 p.m.

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O. H. BITTER,
Agent.
Prince's Building, Ground Floor,
Hongkong, 12th April, 1919.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 11th, 1919.—No returns from
Japan and Vladivostock. Pressure has
increased slightly to moderately at all
reporting stations. An anticyclone
appears to have developed over N. China
and moved eastward; the depression over
Tongking has filled up.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inch.
Total since January 1st 4.35 inches
against an average of 7.72 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. winds,
fresh; cloudy; rain.

2 Formosa Channel. N. winds,
fresh.

3 South coast of China betw. H.K. and Lamock. The same
as No. 1.

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China Coast Meteorological Register.
Apr. 11, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind.
Pressure. Force. Weather.

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